



Emerging Issues Grants

Local Government Division, Growth Management Services

Funding guidelines for communities faced with growth management related emerging issues

Examples of EIGs

The City of Stanwood used an EIG to conduct a downtown revitalization visioning process.

Yakima County used an EIG for non-regulatory avenues for protecting critical areas and conserving natural resource lands through creation of a database of revenue-generating opportunities for landowners that would provide an economic return on their property without having to intensify the level of development.

With its EIG, Lopez Village in San Juan County facilitated a design charrette related to retaining the small-village character of the community while providing urban levels of service within the commercial core.

An EIG enabled the Town of Waterville to develop parcel and platted lot GIS layers for the towns of Waterville and Mansfield and the City of Bridgeport.

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www.cted.wa.gov/uploads/GM_Planner.pdf

Program Overview

The goal of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to local governments for projects that are critical to carrying out their Growth Management Act (GMA) plan and occur outside of regular growth management grant application periods.

Key Features

Applicants must be general-purpose local governments. Eligible projects are documented local priorities (e.g., Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team) accompanied by letters of support from the council or board of commissioners, as appropriate.

Projects must result in new or amended draft comprehensive plans or development regulations or in a discreet work product that significantly implements the goals of the GMA. Local governments not planning under RCW 36.70A.040 may only receive funding for work on critical areas or natural resource lands ordinances.¹

The outcomes of a hearings board decision, a mandate to correct a health or safety issue, or an opportunity to further the goals of growth management in a manner not applicable during regular grant cycles may trigger eligibility for an emerging issues grant (EIG).

Applications

Applications to the emerging issues grant program are by invitation from Growth Management Services (GMS) staff after a request by an eligible local government.

Local governments express their interest in this grant program through CTED staff. CTED staff may directly identify potential opportunities for financial assistance in eligible local governments. CTED staff works with the local government to develop a project proposal that has a high chance of success and meets the necessary grant criteria. The project may proceed to contracting after review.

Jurisdictions with active compliance contracts are not eligible for an EIG. Jurisdictions may receive one EIG per fiscal year. While there is no maximum grant amount, awards to single jurisdictions generally will not exceed \$10,000. Proposals should include at least 10 percent local match (cash and/or in-kind) and should leverage funds from other resources.

¹ GMA planning designations map viewable at www.cted.wa.gov/uploads/gmadesignations.pdf